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**IN THE UNITED STATES
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Invention: **E-Commerce Account Holder**)
Security Participation)
Serial No.: **09/923,688** 668)
Filed: **8/6/2001**)
Inventor: **Richardson, Diane**)
Examiner: **Unknown**)
Group Art Unit: **2161**)
Attorney: **Michael S. Neustel**)

To: **Commissioner of Patents**
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(C)

Dear Sir:

This is a *Petition to Make Special* the above-identified patent application.

The basis for this petition is that the Applicant is 65 years of age, or more. In accordance with MPEP 708.02 IV, an affidavit is attached to show that the Applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required for this petition.

In view of the above, applicant requests that this *Petition to Make Special* be granted and the examination of the application be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

Diane A. Richardson, being first duly sworn states as follows:

1. That I was born in the year of 1936.
2. I am currently 67 years of age.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the
date appearing beside my name.

Diane A. Richardson
Diane A. Richardson

8/20/04
Date

STATE OF Connecticut)
COUNTY OF Fairfield)

On this 20 day of August, 2004, before me, a
notary public within and for said County and State, personally appeared **Diane A.
Richardson**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument.

Maria Sergeant
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

MARIA SERGEON
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 02/28/09